

Honoring San Diego's heroes through music

BY LANCE CPL. JOSE NAVA
Chevron Staff

As the sun descended on the horizon, Marine Band San Diego serenaded spectators at the depot's annual Sunset Concert, June 14.

Active duty and retired service members, recruits from Company C and civilians were present to enjoy the soothing sounds of the evening's music. Approximately 400 people attended the concert.

Before the event began, Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, recognized all groups in attendance and acknowledged the families of service members, thanking them for their support and dedication. She also identified the graduating company of recruits and commended them on being the future of the Marine Corps.

Pfc. Jonathon M. Bailey, Platoon 1042, Company C, said it was inspiring to him.

"It kind of reiterates and reminds me why I joined the Marine Corps and what it is to be part of that brotherhood," Bailey said.

The theme of the concert was "Heroes," and the band diverged from the usual patriotic marches played during graduations and morning colors ceremonies. They opened the concert by paying tribute to the United States by performing the National Anthem.

The concert honored the sea-fairing

services, military family members, and the police and fire departments of San Diego.

"It was great and we both loved the concert," said April Popaditch, wife of Silver Star recipient retired Gunnery Sgt. Nick Popaditch. "I didn't know that the depot held an event like this one and we are definitely going to next year's

concert," she said.

The enlisted conductor of Marine Band San Diego, Staff Sgt. Joey A. Payton, conducted John Phillip Sousa's "The Thunderer" which was composed 1889. "The Thunderer" was later performed on behalf of the American Red Cross during World War I.

Toward the end of the concert, one

lone Marine sounded Taps with his bugle on the roof of the chapel to bring the event to a conclusion.

"It was wonderful and great because it gave the opportunity for the band to showcase their talent with the beauty of the base behind them," said Mary Young, Marine Corps Community Services marketing advisor.



Marine Band San Diego performs a selection of music dedicated to local heroes during this year's Summer Sunset Concert Saturday in front of Pendleton Hall. Company C recruits and 400 guests enjoyed the concert from the commanding general's lawn. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*



Sergeant Maj. William Sowers, center, outgoing sergeant major, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, salutes Lt. Col. Roy D. Paul, right, commanding officer, 1st Bn., before returning the noncommissioned officer's sword during the battalion's Relief and Appointment ceremony June 11 on Shepherd Memorial Drill Field. Sergeant Maj. Karl D. Simburger, left, relieved Sowers as the sergeant major for 1st Bn. *Lance Cpl. Vanessa Barnes/Combat Camera*

Social Security commissioner: Remembering those who serve

BY MICHAEL J. ASTRUE
Commissioner of Social Security

It is important to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation. Social Security Administration honors the heroism and courage of military service members and mourn for those who have given their lives in defense of freedom.

It is also important to recognize those service members who still serve, especially those who have recently been wounded.

Military service members receive expedited processing of their disability applications from Social Security. In fact, under an agreement initiated by Social Security, the Department of Defense now transmits information to Social Security that allows them to quickly identify military personnel injured in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

The expedited process is available for any military service members who become disabled during active duty on or after Oct. 1, 2001,

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Sergeants Maj. Mark J. O'Loughlin, left, incoming sergeant major, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, and Timothy L. Shatto, outgoing sergeant major, listen to the narrator during their Relief and Appointment Ceremony June 13 at Shepherd Memorial Drill Field. Shatto will be assuming duty as the sergeant major for the 1st Marine Logistics Group at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.
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Find out what you're made of, run a marathon

BY CPL. ROBERT W. BEAVER
Chevron staff

Batgirl passed me at about mile 20 during the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon. If she could not inspire me to keep running, then nothing would.

I had been walking and running since the 10th mile. At mile 16, my legs quit. I had one hour to run the final 10 miles to meet my time goal. This would normally be attainable for me, only this time I already ran quite a few miles at the wrong pace.

I'm a good runner with potential to be even better if I applied myself, but my stubbornness holds me back as a runner.

While training, I didn't need to read runners' magazines, try magic pills or use high speed gear. I arrogantly thought I could do it alone and in a time that I didn't come close to making.

Fortunately, I met my main goal; I survived. I finished at 4 hours and 47 minutes.

Yeah, it sometimes felt like an eternity and was depressing at times because I could only run 100 feet before I had to walk a mile. I learned a lot about myself and that anybody can finish a marathon.

I actually encourage anybody thinking about running a marathon, to do it. It's going to be tough but rewarding.

If you really think about it, 26.2 miles is not that far. There was a guest speaker at the expo before the race, who ran 700 miles to San Diego so that he could run the marathon.

The elite runners make marathons look difficult because they run so fast. Remember that there are more than 10,000 runners behind them who are going to finish as well.

All it takes to finish is training, proper nutrition and more importantly, positive mental attitude.

If you can convince yourself that you are going to finish a marathon, you will. If you're convinced, your will to train will



More than 40,000 service members and civilians rallied at Shepherd Memorial Drill Field here to cheer for the 16,373 runners who crossed the finish line during the eleventh annual Rock 'n' Roll Marathon on June 1. Nearly 30 Headquarters and Service Battalion Marines were among the racers. *Cpl. Carrie C. Ruiz/Chevron*

come that much easier.

During my training, I was convinced that I was going to finish. During the race, every major muscle in my legs cramped up – forcing me to walk most of the final miles of the race. I remained positive and made it.

I trained but I could have trained better. Running long distances is not enough. You also have to spend time in the gym strengthening your body and improving your flexibility. The stronger you are the faster you are.

Think about improving your core, leg muscles and your feet, which are the most important because they are your body's foundation. When your feet tire, your legs begin to tire.

Most Americans suffer from pronation problems which affect the alignment of their feet and chins. Problems can be caused for a number of reasons such as wearing tight or loose footwear for a long time.

Simply wearing footwear can mess up our feet. During years of wearing shoes,

our feet are unchallenged because they are not forced to support themselves—the shoes do.

We lose the muscle strength in our feet that holds our alignment straight. Running on a bad alignment makes it easier to tire out.

So train your feet. Try activities barefoot and ensure you're not going to step on something that will hurt your feet. Search the Internet for ways to strengthen and improve the flexibility of your feet. Strong feet will improve your ability to absorb the shock of pounding cement over long distances.

If think you may need a little more inspiration, know that San Diego is ranked second as the best city to run in America. The weather and terrain make it a great place to train. San Diego also has several runners' clubs that you can get involved in to help improve your running.

If all else fails maybe you could try bat wings. No matter what route you choose, remember to have fun and maybe we will see each other out there next year.

and the "Veterans Online Application" Web site.

To learn more about what Social Security is doing to serve wounded warriors, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors. For the families of service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice, Social Security survivors benefits may be payable. To learn more about eligibility for survivors benefits, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/survivorplan.

BRIEFS

Flag football league

Marine Corps Community Services hosts a six-week Commanding General's Cup Flag Football League beginning June 24. Games will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There will be a coach's meeting at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Athletics Office, Bldg. 5W. The event is open to MCRD active duty and MCCA DoD and NAFi employees on the depot. For information, call (619) 524-0548.

Free Del Mar Fair tickets

The San Diego Armed Services YMCA and the Del Mar Fair are offering free tickets to Wounded Warriors and the families of deployed service members. Tickets are good for admission any day the fair is open from June 14 to July 6.

Guidelines for eligibility:

- Must be a dependent family member of a currently deployed military member.
- Must be a combat wounded service member or the dependent of a combat wounded service member.

Other important information:

- Only families who have registered will be eligible to receive tickets.
- Those previously registered for tickets who have already picked them up, are not eligible to receive additional tickets.
- Those who have previously registered for tickets and have not yet picked them up, will only be able to receive them during the next ticket distribution day.
- The next dedicated ticket distribution day is June 20th. Tickets may be picked up from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., only at Murphy Canyon Headquarters, 3293 Santo Road, San Diego, Calif., 92124.
- You must register online prior to picking up your tickets.
- Valid military or dependent ID required.

To register and for information, go to <http://www.militaryymca.com> or www.sdfair.com.

My Body Belongs to Me class

My Body Belongs to Me class will be held for children ages 3 - 7 from 4 - 5 p.m. June 24 in the Family Advocacy Program conference room, Bldg. 6E. The class teaches children rules and behavior to enable them to protect themselves from abuse or exploitation. To register, call (619) 524-1200.

Rock 'n' Roll Freedom Fun Run

The depot will host the 3-mile Rock 'n' Roll Freedom Fun Run July 2 at 1 p.m., at the Boathouse and Marina. Race-day registration begins at 10:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. There will be a free BBQ after the run. For information, call (619) 524-5655 or you can register on-line at <http://www.mccsmcrd.com>.

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regardless of where the disability occurs.

Depending on the situation, some family members of military personnel also may be able to receive benefits, including dependent children and spouses.

If you, or someone you know, were wounded while on active duty in the military, find out more about what Social Security can do for you by visiting

their Web site. Service members will find answers to a number of commonly asked questions, as well as other useful information about disability benefits and Supplemental Security Income. Pay special attention to the fact sheets available on that Web site titled *Disability Benefits for Wounded Warriors* and *Expediting Disability Applications for Wounded Warriors*.

Service members will also find links to useful VA Web sites, such as the "Seamless Transition Home" link,



Educators watch as a recruit jumps off a 15-foot tower into the depot swim tank, simulating abandoning a ship, June 17. Jumping off the tower is one of the requirements recruits must meet to earn their level-four combat water survival qualification. *Cpl. Carrie C. Ruiz/Chevron*

8th District educators get glimpse of Marine Corps recruit training

BY CHEVRON STAFF

High school administrators, teachers and counselors from Recruiting Stations Oklahoma City and Albuquerque experienced a week-long synopsis of Marine Corps recruit training during the Educators Workshop Monday through today.

The bus-load of educators were given a taste of how drill instructors greet new recruits on the well-known footprints. The yellow footprints are used by drill instructors to initiate the total transformation from civilian to Marine and begin to teach immediate obedience to orders.

“There is a crazy stereotype associated with the Marines,” said Vickie Cooper, an English and language arts teacher with Coronado High School, Lubbock, Texas, who recalled her own misconceptions prior to attending the Educators Workshop. “All the screaming [the drill instructors] do is part of a strategy to train these recruits into Marines.”

Not only is Cooper impressed, but she was more informed and prouder.

The educators were given a tour of a squad bay and got a taste of what “Black Friday,” the day that the recruits meet their training drill instructors, is all about.

Educators were invited at the end of the first day to take

part in the Bayonet Assault Course on the depot. They maneuvered through obstacles, crawled through tunnels and carried rubber M-16A2 service rifles while wearing Kevlar helmets.

The educators also visited Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., to witness weapons firing, field training, the Crucible, the Emblem Ceremony, and the Warrior’s Breakfast.

“I always appreciated the Marine Corps for their emphasis on pride and commitment,” said William E. James, Army ROTC instructor, Odessa High School, Odessa, Texas, “and from what I experienced at this workshop, the Marines know how to get things done during the extreme pressures of recruit training.”

The general consensus of the educators leaving the depot today was they have a better understanding of the Marine Corps and the young men and women who embody it.

“I can be a spokesperson for the Marine Corps because I have walked [the recruit’s path] and been through the process, and I can explain to my students what I experienced and what the benefits are to being in the Marines,” concluded Cooper.



Educators from Recruiting Stations Oklahoma City and Albuquerque kneel on the depot’s yellow footprints after their arrival on the depot, and listen while a drill instructor reads them the list of contraband items that recruits are not allowed to have in their possession, June 17. *Cpl. Carrie C. Ruiz/Chevron*



Educators listen to drill instructors recite the Drill Instructor’s Creed during their tour of a Company F squad bay June 17. *Cpl. Carrie C. Ruiz/Chevron*

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Marines of Co. K wait for their drill instructor's command to march to graduation practice on Shepherd Memorial Drill Field, June 16. *Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron*

Close-order New Marines discipline, cam

BY LANCE CPL. JOSE NAVA
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The Spartans, Romans and today's U.S. Marines are known as some of the finest fighting organizations man kind has ever known. These great armed forces in history all had one thing in common with one another. They all had discipline and all knew some form of close-order drill.

Throughout the history of the military, close-order formations have played an important part in the fighting efficiency of a unit, as strict discipline was needed to fight in the close proximity battles, according to the Marine Corps Drill and Ceremony Manual.

The use of those formations to help build discipline is one of the many reasons that the Marine Corps adopted close-order drill and uses it in recruit training.

The purpose of close-order drill is to teach Marines by repetition to obey orders immediately and correctly, according to the Marine Corps Drill and Ceremony Manual.

"It helps the recruits to learn and develop instant willingness and obedience to orders," said Gunnery Sgt. Delwin K. Ellington, 3rd Battalion drill master. "It also gives the recruits an opportunity to work with their rifles."

Drill instructors waste no time before teaching recruits close-order drill. On the recruits first day aboard the depot, they learn facing movements and how to fall into a formation.

During the course of recruit training, recruits go through 100-plus hours of drill practice on the depot's Shepherd Memorial Drill Field and inside the squad bays.

The recruits practice the halted drill and rifle manual in their squad bays to fine-tune movements before they perform them on the drill field while marching.

In order to complete a drill movement, the unit commander calls commands and the recruit executes those commands as soon as he hears them, said Ellington.

While in training, recruits learn facing movements, marching, rifle manual, physical training formations, and halted movements.

"Recruits have the most difficulty with rifle manual because when you put a weapon in a recruit's hand, you are adding an accessory that they have to adjust to," said Sgt. Julio Vega, drill instructor, Platoon 3221, Co. K. "A lot of these recruits come from different backgrounds and sometimes have problems working together; drill encourages them to work as a unit and not be adverse."

A platoon undergoes two tests in which they are evaluated in their proficiency in drill. The initial drill competition is conducted on training day 17, in which the recruits had three weeks to learn the drill movements. The second test is Final Drill, held on training day 54, at which time the recruits and their drill instructor are evaluated again.



Private first class Ricardo Alvarez, Platoon 3222, Co. K, executes a proper hand salute. *Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron*



Company K Marines conduct graduation practice on Shepherd Memorial Drill Field. Close-order drill is a discipline, but originated from fighting formations during close-proximity battles. *Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron*

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final drill is like the Super Bowl of recruit training,” said a Las Vegas, Nev., native. “It takes team effort between the instructor and the recruits, and is a friendly competition between platoons to show off everything they have learned.” Elga explained that although he wants his platoon to excel, he reminds them that it is not about winning a trophy, but building the final product of a Marine. The Marine Corps is known for its precise drill,” said El-n. “As long as there is a Marine Corps, drill will be a big part of it.”



While marching down Recruit Highway, Marines execute proper drill movements by leading with their left foot.
Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron



Marines of Platoon 3221, Co. K, march to the recruit chow hall. In order to perfect their drill movements, recruits march everywhere they go and spend 100-plus hours practicing drill on the parade ground and in their squad bays. *Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron*



Close-order drill is used today in ceremonies and parades.
Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron



Guides of Co. K present their respective platoons' guidons during their graduation practice June 16 on Shepherd Memorial Drill Field. It is tradition to retire the guidon after graduation. *Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron*

Company honorman turns down law career to lead Marines

BY LANCE CPL. JOSE NAVA
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Lance Cpl. Robert E. Gebhardt, Platoon 3221, Company K, knew he wanted to be in the armed forces since he watched service members march at Presidio District of San Francisco, as a child. Gebhardt later learned the differences between the branches of service. He said that he wanted to become a Marine because they have the most physically demanding training and are the most elite service in his eyes. “I knew that I owed my country for the opportuni-

ties that have been given to me and I did not see why other men my age were going and fighting the war while I stayed back as a civilian,” he said. Before coming to the Marine Corps, Gebhardt, 24, went to the University of California, Davis, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and Spanish. After completing college, Gebhardt had the opportunity to follow in his father’s footsteps and become an attorney, or earn the title of Marine. Gebhardt said that it was an easy choice; he wanted to become a Marine. In March 2008, armed with

life experience and maturity, Gebhardt set out on a new journey into the Marine Corps with the support of his family. “As a mother, I was afraid about his future,” said Dolores Gebhardt, mother. “But I think that it is a calling for him and he has 110 percent support from his parents, extended family and community.” Being an athlete and captain of both his high school and college lacrosse team, Gebhardt quickly accelerated into the leadership position of platoon guide. “When I came to boot camp I knew that I already possessed some leadership ability, but then I saw how much I still needed to learn about being a leader,” he said. He said that the hardest part of boot camp was the challenge of being a leader and setting the example for

40-plus men for three months. He said it was stressful at times to keep control of his platoon and get them to complete the tasks assigned by the drill instructors. “I’m training to be a leader in a combat environment, so I took it to heart and assumed that mindset,” he said. Overcoming the different hardships that come along with recruit training was difficult, but Gebhardt said that what kept him motivated was remembering how proud his family would be of him for earning his eagle, globe and anchor. “I wouldn’t even call him a diamond in the rough because he already shined and stood apart from the rest,” said Sgt. Michael A. Taylor, drill instructor, Platoon 3221. “I saw that he had a lot of potential and drive in him, so I was going to do my best to make him a great Marine.” After receiving his eagle,

globe and anchor at the end of the Crucible, a 54-hour field event in which recruits apply all they have learned during boot camp, Gebhardt said that he is proud of himself for completing his short-term goal, and is now looking for a new challenge. Gebhardt said that he plans on making the Marine Corps a career. “Four years in college was easy compared to the three months that I just went through,” he said. After graduation, Gebhardt will have 10 days of leave before reporting to the School of Infantry at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., for infantry training. Gebhardt said that he chose the military occupational specialty of reconnaissance because he enjoys being in the field and wants a job where he would be making a direct contribution to the Global War on Terrorism.



Lance Cpl. Robert E. Gebhardt, Platoon 3221, Company K, waits for his drill instructor’s command to begin marching to graduation practice. Gebhardt graduates today as the company honorman and a meritorious lance corporal. *Lance Cpl. Joes Nava/Chevron*



Lance Cpl. Robert E. Gebhardt, Platoon 3221, Company K, performs his duty as platoon guide and carries his platoon’s guidon at the front of the formation as the platoon marches to Shepherd Memorial Drill Field for graduation practice, June 16. Gebhardt was meritoriously promoted to lance corporal when he was selected as Co. K honorman. *Lance Cpl. Joes Nava/Chevron*

Colonel James B. Seaton III

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Colonel James B. Seaton III assumed his duties as the commanding officer, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif., on May 25, 2006. Seaton is from Faribault, Minn., and was commissioned in 1982 through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Fla. Following The Basic School and the Artillery Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, N.C. In 1983, he deployed to Grenada and Beirut as the naval gunfire spotter with Battalion Landing Team 2/8. The following year he was assigned as the assistant operations officer and later the operations officer for 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines. In 1985, Seaton transferred to the aircraft carrier USS *Carl Vinson*. While serving as the Marine Detachment executive officer, he deployed to the

Western Pacific and Indian Ocean and was promoted to captain. Following the Artillery Officer Advanced Course, he returned to Camp Lejeune, in 1988 and again served as the assistant operations officer for 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines prior to assuming command of Battery H, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines and deploying to the Mediterranean with BLT 1/8. Seaton served as a political science instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he received the William P. Clements Award for Excellence in Education as the top military instructor and was promoted to major. In 1994, he was named a council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow and assigned to the National Security Council staff at the White House. Upon completing the fellowship, he remained on the NSC staff as the director for Defense Policy. In 1998, he transferred to 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan, and served as the operations officer for 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines. Following his promotion to lieutenant colonel, he was

the operations officer for 12th Marines, commanded Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training in amphibious exercises throughout Southeast Asia and served as the deputy, operations, for 3rd Marine Division. In August 2001, he reported to 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, for duty as the division inspector and deputy, Plans and Policies, before assuming command of 1st Battalion, 11th Marines in June 2002 and leading the battalion during Operation Iraqi Freedom. In June 2004, he transferred to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., for assignment as the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command operations officer, and was promoted to colonel in September 2004. Seaton has a master’s degree in political science from Duke University and a Master of Strategic Science from the U. S. Army War College. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star with combat V, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars,

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon with two gold stars, and the Presidential Service Badge. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Pacific Council on International Policy, Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces & Society, and various military associations.



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KILO COMPANY



New Marines of Co. K sound off upon dismissal following their graduation ceremony practice on Shepherd Memorial Drill Field on June 16. The company graduates from recruit training today. *Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron*

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Pvt. T. Christopherson
Pvt. S. Chih
Pvt. D. J. Choe
Pvt. J. T. Davis
Pvt. W. J. Ellithorpe
Pvt. E. M. Escandon
Pvt. C. A. Favela
Pvt. K. M. Fischer
Pvt. N. A. Fogerson
Pvt. D. V. Galindo
Pvt. J. E. Gomez
Pvt. R. Guttierrez Jr.
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Pvt. R. W. Holtschlag
Pvt. K. J. Holquist
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Pfc. D. I. Ji
Pvt. S. A. Jimenez
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Pvt. S. Kim
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Pvt. H. J. Lloyd
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Pfc. D. G. Miller
Pvt. R. L. Moody
Pvt. O. R. Morales
Pvt. A. Neverez
Pvt. D. N. Ordaz
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Pvt. J. R. Perez Jr.
Pvt. N. M. Rangel
Pvt. J. P. Rizo-Patron
Pvt. J. N. Rodriguez
Pvt. G. A. Saucido
Pvt. A. Seung
Pvt. B. S. Shores
Pvt. S. M. Soriano
Pfc. T. N. Tim
Pvt. A. J. Vorhees
Pvt. S. G. Whiting
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Pvt. A. C. Semmen
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Pvt. M. W. Smith
Pvt. R. S. Snyder
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Depot drill instructors set sail for deep sea fishing trip

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Fishing is a great way to relieve anxiety and Marines from the Recruit Training Regiment got the chance to do just that during a day-long fishing trip as guests on the TV show, Sport Fishing with Dan Hernandez, June 11.

The show covers both fresh and saltwater fishing in California and Mexico, so the Marines visited the Coronado Islands and Mexico, searching for barracuda, bonita, bass, yellowtail and sculpin fish.

“Being a drill instructor is a stressful job,” said Daniel Hernandez, professional sport fisherman. “This trip is to get them off the base so they can relax and just have a good time. The biggest concern I want them to have is how big of a fish they are going to catch.”

This was the 12th time depot Marines have been on the show. Hernandez said that he started taking Marines out before the country was at war, but now he finds a special joy in giving back to those who have served.

“I am excited for this trip and thankful that people from

the community would do this for us,” said Staff Sgt. Marcus Reese, drill instructor, Company I. “I’m looking forward to catching a huge fish and eating it later today.”

Before setting sail, the Marines underwent a brief class on proper fishing techniques, the mechanics of the rod and how to hook the live anchovies and sardines they would be using as bait.

“The more natural the bait looks, the more likely they are to attract the game fish,” said Hernandez. “It’s important to hook the bait the correct way so it doesn’t die and instead swims while on their line in the water.”

Hernandez made the first catch of the day, a foot-long octopus that was released back into the water after every Marine got the chance to see it.

Throughout the trip Marines caught bass and mackerel, but the abundant fish of the day were sculpin, which had to be handled with care due to their poisonous fins. In total,

the Marines caught more than 200 fish in 12 hours.

The bait attracted more than fish. During the trip, a couple pelicans and seagulls got tangled in the line while in pursuit of the bait. They were reeled in immediately and released. Sea lions helped themselves to an afternoon snack by following the boat and biting off only the body of the bait, leaving fish heads for the Marines to reel in.

The Marines would feel a strong tug on the line and think it was a large fish, but most of the time it was just the sea lions stealing their bait and happily swimming away, said Reese, a Hanceville, Ala., native.

Because the episode will air during the Christmas season, at the end of the day each Marine recorded an on-camera message to their families and service members deployed.

The Marines were also offered the opportunity to participate in the jackpot which is awarded to whoever catches

the largest fish. The friendly competition kept the Marines motivated to continue fishing.

Sergeant Mark Galindo, drill instructor, Company G, caught the largest fish, a six-pound calico bass, making him this year’s jackpot winner.

“I enjoyed the trip immensely. We caught a lot of fish and I was surprised how big some of them were,” said Reese. “I caught more than 15 fish, and plan to grill and deep-fry them when I get home.”

Reese said the crew was helpful and patient whenever the Marines’ lines got caught, and could answer any question they had about fishing. He said that not only was the trip fun, but a great learning experience.

“Events like these really boost morale,” said Reese. “This trip gave us the opportunity to bond with the other drill instructors, which is something that we normally don’t get to do in our hectic everyday schedule.”



Sergeant Jon Nelson, drill instructor, Company G, displays his biggest fish, a calico bass that he caught in the Coronado Islands, June 11. In total, the Marines caught more than 200 fish in 12 hours.

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Sergeant Joel Angulo, drill instructor, Company I, reels in a calico bass, one of his many catches of the day. Dan Hernandez said that he takes drill instructors on the fishing trip every year so they can relax and take a break from their stressful job.

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Gunnery Sgt. Simon Sandoval, drill instructor, Receiving Company, picks up the first catch of the day, a foot-long octopus. The octopus was returned to the ocean not long after being caught.

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Captain Richard Fay, operations officer, Recruit Training Regiment, left, and Chris Randell, captain of the Indian, center, are interviewed on the progress of the fishing trip by Dan Hernandez, for his TV show “Sports Fishing with Dan Hernandez.”

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